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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) on 6 November 2024 for information regarding carbon neutral targets. Please find a response to each part of your request below.

Is your agencies continuing to pursue the carbon neutral public service targets?

The Ministry remains committed to measuring and managing our emissions in support of the Carbon Neutral Government Programme (CNGP). Our agency continues to pursue and adhere to the requirements set out under the programme, including:

- Setting gross emission reduction targets for 2025 and 2030
- Developing and implementing emissions reduction plans to help meet gross emission reduction targets
- Reporting on our emissions, reduction plans and progress towards gross emissions reduction targets to the Programme Lead (Ministry for the Environment) by 1 December each year and
- Including specified information in our annual report.

If so, please provide any documents showing how this is being implemented.

The Ministry is required to provide mandatory information in relation to progress on the CNGP as part of our annual reporting. This reporting began in the 2021/22 Financial Year (FY), with copies published on our website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-us/corporate-publications/annual-reports.

The Ministry also publishes its verified (externally audited) Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report and Inventory for each financial year since 2021/22. These documents are publicly available on the Ministry's website at: www.health.govt.nz/search?query=CNGP.

The total spend on this target broken down by year since the targets were implemented (including but not limited to internal staff numbers, external spend, capital spend, offset spend)?

Please refer to the table below for information relating to this part of your request.

Area of Expenditure	Base Year	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24
External Provider spend	(included in FY 21/22)	\$34,265	\$42,139	\$43,340
Internal staff allocated to work on CNGP reporting spend.		10% of role only. Covers x2 FTE \$24,000 (approx.)	10% of role only. Covers x2 FTE \$24,000 (approx.)	10% of role only. Covers x2 FTE \$24,000 (approx.)
EV purchase	Nil	\$63,056	Nil	Nil
Total spend		\$121,321	\$66,139	\$67,340

*Total EV's brought since the targets were implemented broken down by year?
Please provide notes on type of car.*

In the 2021/22 FY the Ministry purchased one Hyundai Kona Electric Vehicle (EV). However, the Ministry has not purchased any EVs since.

Total spent on agency emissions inventories by year since implementation.

The table above provides a breakdown of the costs the Ministry has incurred since the implementation of the CNGP programme.

Please provide the most recent inventory.

The most recent approved inventory is the 2022/23 FY which can be found at: www.health.govt.nz/publications/greenhouse-gas-emissions-for-the-202223-financial-year-report-and-inventory. The 2023/24 FY Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory/Report will be published on the Ministry's website in the first quarter of 2025, once data submission and verification has been approved by the Ministry for the Environment.

How much is spent on voluntary carbon offsets? (Not the ETS)

The Ministry does not spend on voluntary carbon offsets.

Please provide information on consultants for this and the total offsets.

The Ministry did not use consultants to conduct this work. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry and there are no grounds for believing it is held by another agency subject to the Act.

Any consideration or actions involving Agricultural emissions.

The Ministry does not have any agricultural emissions.

I trust this information fulfils your request. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: oiagr@health.govt.nz.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā



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